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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12-16-06.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 6-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang (US 6,793,096) in view of Ziskin et al. (US 2,602,564).

Chang discloses the claimed container except for the container being formed of a non-plastic material and having a closed ring-shaped plastic rim at the upper end of the container.

Ziskin teaches it is known to provide non-plastic container with a closed ring-shaped plastic rim at the upper end of the container.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to form the container body of Chang of a separate non-plastic material with a closed ring-shaped plastic rim at the upper end of the container, since it has been held that constructing a formerly integral structure in various elements involves only routine skill in the art as is evidenced by Ziskin. Doing so allows for utilizing a material to form the container body which can be used on a stove top.

3. Claims 6-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wheaton, Jr. (US 3,337,077) in view of Chang (US 6,793,096) and Itoh et al. (US 5,251,542).

Wheaton discloses a storage container comprising a non-plastic container body depicted as glass material in the drawing figures (col. 5, lines 14-16) and having any shape (column 5, lines 29-33) and a correspondingly shaped plastic lid. Wheaton does not teach a closed ring shaped plastic rim formed in an upper side of an opening of the non-plastic container body wherein the closed ring shaped plastic rim surrounds all outer surrounding portions of the

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container body and locking protrusions integrally formed at the opposite sides of the plastic rim, wherein the locking protrusions are inserted into locking holes formed in locking wings of the plastic lid.

Itoh teaches it is known to provide a non-plastic container body with a closed ring shaped plastic rim **33** formed on an upper side of an opening of the non-plastic container body **30** wherein the closed ring shaped plastic rim surrounds all outer surrounding portions of the container body.

Chang teaches it is known to provide a plastic lid with locking holes formed in locking wings of the plastic lid to overcome the problems of an unsecured sealing arrangement between the container body and the lid.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to form the container body of Wheaton of separate components such that the projections are formed of a plastic ring as taught by Itoh and for utilizing the lid of Chang to prevent spillage or loss of the lid. Doing so allows the protrusions to be used as grasping handles, while the plastic prevents burning of one's hand during use.

4. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the prior art as applied to claim 3 above, and further in view of Sommer et al. (US 6,866,158).

Wheaton as modified teaches the claimed storage container except for the plastic coating layer extending over the lower portions of the container body.

Sommer teaches it is known to provide a non-plastic container body with a plastic layer surrounding the outer surface and the lower portions of the container body.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to further apply the teaching of covering the lower portion of the container body with

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plastic layer integrally formed with the plastic rim. Doing so forms a container having insulated properties and a body which is less likely to break or chip during use.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

7. Applicant is duly reminded that a complete response must satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.111, including: "The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references. A general allegation that the claims "define a patentable invention" without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section. Moreover, "The prompt development of a clear Issue requires that the replies of the applicant meet the objections to

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and rejections of the claims." Applicant should also specifically point out the support for any amendments made to the disclosure. See MPEP 2163.06 II(A), MPEP 2163.06 and MPEP 714.02. The "disclosure" includes the claims, the specification and the drawings.

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Various prior art closures teaching features similar to those disclosed and/or claimed are cited for their disclosures.

9. In order to reduce pendency and avoid potential delays, Group 3720/80 is encouraging FAXing of responses to Office Actions directly into the Group at (571) 273-8300. This practice may be used for filing papers not requiring a fee. It may also be used for filing papers which require a fee by applicants who authorize charges to a PTO deposit account. Please identify the examiner and art unit at the top of your cover sheet. Papers submitted via FAX into Group 3720 will be promptly forwarded to the examiner.

10. It is called to applicant's attention that if a communication is faxed before the reply time has expired, applicant may submit the reply with a "Certificate of Facsimile" which merely asserts that the reply is being faxed on a given date. So faxed, before the period for reply has expired, the reply may be considered timely. A suggested format for a certificate follows:

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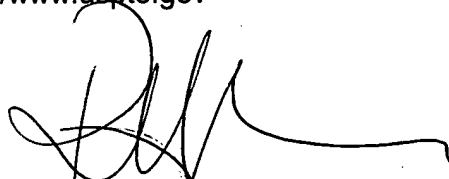
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